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Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter supports the application by Geisinger Health System (“Geisinger”) for consideration of participation in the Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Geisinger is located in central and northeastern Pennsylvania with a service area of 41 of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. As you will see in this submission, many of these counties are officially classified as rural.

Geisinger has a long history of using health information technology to serve rural residents. We have 38 community practice sites spread out across our 20,000-square mile geographic service area. In addition, we were the founding member of the Central Pennsylvania Health Information Collaborative – our Regional Health Information Organization. As a member of that collaborative, we have unique opportunities to work collaboratively to expand services to Internet2 or the National LambdaRail, Inc. to serve our patient population.

Upon consideration as a pilot program, we look forward to negotiating with the FCC and our RHIO members to utilize funds effectively.

Sincerely,



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